



**PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING &  
MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)**  
P.O. Box 1217 Palmerston North

**NEWSLETTER**

Hon. Secretary,  
Heather Crabb, 77-668.

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COMING EVENTS.

26<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a meeting in the Concert Chamber of the Opera House on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45 p.m. when Professor J.T. Salmon will present an address in which he will comment on the Stockholm conference on the environment. Professor Salmon was sent to this conference by the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society, of which he is the New Zealand Vice President. The address will be an important one

for those who are interested in conservation and the environment. It would display to the public the concern that our members must feel for matters concerning conservation if a large party attends from our Club.

The Place: Concert Chamber. Time: 7.45 p.m. 26<sup>th</sup> July.

27<sup>th</sup> July. CLUB NIGHT

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St., at 7.30 p.m.

A programme of films will be shown: "Prelude to Aspiring", "Snowcraft", "Wild September Snow", "Rock climbing."

Come along and see these films as part of your preparation for the Snowcraft Courses.

SUPPER DUTIES: Heather Crabb, Karyn Bishop, Christine Batt.

29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July. SNOWCRAFT I. RUAPEHU.

Leaving Izadium Friday night 6 p.m.

A party will also leave on Saturday morning. You can obtain details from Ron Stretton, 84-925.

Cost Approx. \$4.

Bring warm clothing, woollen longs, overtrousers etc.

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August. CONSERVATION EXERCISE

TREE PLANTING AT RANGIWAHIA AS OUR EFFORT FOR CONSERVATION WEEK.

There will be a weekend trip and a day trip, the latter to run on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August on which day the tree planting will take place.

Leaving Izadium Saturday: 7 a.m. Sunday: 7 a.m.

Cost: \$1.50

Names to Russell Johnson, 87-777.

9<sup>th</sup> August. SOCIAL EVENING.

At Sue Streeter's, 32 A Rangitira St. any time after 7.30 p.m.

12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August. SNOWCRAFT II. EGMONT.

Departing from the Izadium Friday night at 6.00 p.m. Details from Trevor Stretton, 84,925.

17<sup>th</sup> August. COMMITTEE MEETING.

At Russell Johnson's, 11 Lifford Place. 7.30 p.m.

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August. HOLDSWORTH – ANGLE KNOB.

Grading: Fit Depart Izadium: 6.00 a.m. Saturday.  
Cost: \$2.50 approx. Leader: Brad Owen, phone 83-467.  
Be prepared for snow conditions.

24<sup>th</sup> August. MOUNTAIN SAFETY BUSHCRAFT COURSE.

Volunteer instructors are required for this course. If you are able to help please contact Sue Streeter. You can leave a message to ring you at 76-060 or see her direct.

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August. PUTARA HUT.

Grading: Easy Cost: Approx \$2.00  
Depart Izadium: 6.30 a.m. Saturday. Leader: Peter Colpan, phone 81-

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31<sup>st</sup> August. CLUB NIGHT.

At the Society of Friends' Church Hall, 227 College St., at 7:30 p.m.

SUPPER DUTIES: Bruce Lockwood, Roger Clarke, Tony Croad.

NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to:

Raewyn Lees, Aokautere, R.D. 1, Palmerston North.

Christine Batt, 569 Featherstone St., Palmerston North.

Glenn Dixon, 15, Kent Tce., Palmerston North.

Robert Strachan, 117 Pahiatua St., Palmerston North.

NOTICES.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

If you are reading someone else's newsletter instead of receiving your own it is because you have not paid your sub. !!

Isn't our newsletter heading great? It was designed by Brad Owen. Many thanks, Brad.

DISPLAY

A display to advertise our club has been set up in the Manawatu-Wairarapa Savings Bank window and inside the Bank on the notice board, by the committee. If you're down in Broadway be sure to have a look at it.

HUT LOG BOOKS.

Trampers and Hunters passing through mountain huts are advised to make entries in the log books provided -- a brief note saying which route you have come over and where you intend to go next. In the event of a mishap in the area this information will be most sought after.

PAST TRIPS.

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June. COPPERMINE-WHARITE.

Leaving time: 7 a.m. from Izadium. Number on trip: 5. The first two members arrived at the Izadium at 6:50 a.m. Transport and the next member arrived at 7.05 a.m. and was met by first two members and the parent of one and -- waited -- . At 7:20 a.m. decided to call around to fourth member's home. The first member was waiting down Napier Rd. After ringing the bell was greeted by fourth member in new type tramping gear (just out of bed.) Another wait for this member then " Right, I'm ready." The aforesaid member, now dressed in shorts, bushshirt, boots and carrying a pack, back to the Izadium to collect other two members who had waited there. Placed packs on trailer, fuelled car and headed for Napier Rd. to pick up last member who had been waiting for ¾ hour and wondering if we had gone with out of her.

Last pack on trailer and away at 7:50 a.m. We had been informed that one member sleep talked but was not informed that he carried on during waking hours too.

Woodville – “Hope someone knows the turn?”

“Yes, Pinfold Rd.”

“That's right. You follow it the full way till you meet Coppermine Rd.”

End of road, car stops –“Well this is it.” Boots on, car locked, packs lifted and then off through the gate and along the track, over the fence, down the grass slope -- but wait, one member still getting over the fence. Off again, another fence. This time no waiting -- through this fence is the order of the day. Down to the creek and a quiet -- well, not so quiet, stroll to Coppermine Hut and a good cuppa on the way. Noted sign of prospecting rights nailed up on a tree. Then off up the right fork to look for some of the old mine shafts. After going up to falls having only found one small mine (later found it was used as explosive store) and also a stock of railway iron and collapsed mine shafts, headed back towards Coppermine Hut.

Finding an old beer can in the river decided to see how far it would float down stream without sinking. Each time it sank it was emptied out and refloated until it sank in a deep hole and could not be found. On arrival back at the hut most of the party decided it was time to go to bed, but one stayed up to light the fire and get some water on to boil. A little while later our peace was invaded by four others on a day trip, namely, Ron, Juli, Elli and Cathy, who reported they had done a round trip to Wharite. They decided to flog our hot water for coffee, and also to disturb those who were resting in their sleeping bags. After almost wrecking the hut and its occupants, this mad party left with blessings from our party, of “we hope we don't see you again,” or “we hope you get lost.” By now it was decided it was time to cook tea so a good stew was prepared. While tea was cooking some members decided to try to sing, while others attempted to sleep. Meal eaten and all cleared up, it was off to bed, but not to sleep as two members decided to try their hand at possum hunting and talking.

Sunday: Got up after breakfast, left to climb the ridge track to Wharite. After a short while, one member left the rest to carry on ahead and was not seen until the rest of the party was crawling under a fallen tree on the track. The aforesaid member was busy getting a photo of aspects of tramping. The rest of the trip up was not very eventful except having to wait for one member and also reading the varying signs along the track. At last Wharite, to be greeted by some folks who have come up the road by car and were complaining about the cold. They left soon after one of our members arrived wearing only shorts and singlet. After having a look round had lunch, then set off back down to Coppermine Hut, cleaned up, packed up and away down the creek and back to civilisation, arriving back home in time for tea.

Trip Members: Trevor Stretton, Judith Domney, Heather Crabb, Gary Mackay, Philip Neil.

#### 1<sup>st</sup>-2nd July. ARMSTRONG SADDLE.

We left the Izadium at 6 o'clock and arrived at North Block Road end at 8.30. The group was greatly heartened by Kevin's optimism when he produced ice axes. After a short stop at Waipawa Base Camp, we set off, only to find, 20 minutes later that the track was still under construction. Several members of the party seemed keen to wait until the track-cutters had finished the track but several loud moanings later, we were on our way. A short bush--bash had us on the track proper and 10 minutes later we were at Shuteye Shack.

In the hut we found a particularly dormant possum, sleeping under one of the bunks.

We had lunch and set off through increasingly deep snow to Armstrong saddle. There was quite a wind blowing and there were several rude comments about the leader' leggings.

"Watch out, he's about to take off!"

"Cor, there's enough room in there for three people."

They were, of course, all highly exaggerated.

We attempted to follow the stream down to Top Marifea Hut, through literally ice-cold water and scrub until we decided that this lark was for the deer and suchlike creatures (deerstalkers?) and we should head up to the tops. The leader immediately headed up the easiest way, trusting the rest of the party, but lo and behold (?) when he got there, the party had gone up another way, ¼ hour longer! When they finally arrived offering countless excuses, shame faced, we headed off to Marifea Hut, arriving there 10 minutes later. The more disreputable members of the party fought at the door, each trying to get in first, and it is suggested that the disciplinary committee should deal with them. Once inside, however, an amazing thing occurred. One person (owning a blue Toyota), took off his boots and went to bed, ostensibly to sleep. Even when a torch was flashed in his faced he did not move. The rest of us unpacked more normally and had tea. Later on that evening, this person dropped a bombshell by announcing that he had not been asleep but recording our conversation and casually stated that anyone could write a trip report. The rest of the night passed in stunned silence.

The next morning we followed the ridge to the saddle, down to Shuteye Shack, and back to the road end.

In view of the Tarawera report, a special committee has been set up to investigate actions of that person who owns the blue Toyota. Therefore would any person with incriminating evidence please post it to:

C.I.A. +  
P.O. Box 13,  
TIMBUKTOO.

+ Committee for Investigation of Abnormalities.

Trip Members: David Hay, Brent Johnston, Kevin Pearce, Peter Baxter, Alistair Gaisford, Richard Clarke, Keith Margrain.